

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

This Amendment is in response to the Office action of January 10, 2008. Claims 1-28 and 36-44 are pending in the Application. Claims 29-35 are canceled without prejudice and/or disclaimer. Claims 5, 7, 14-15, 17-22, and 36-39 have been withdrawn.

On page 2 of the action, the action indicates that the Application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

The species of Figures 4-12

The species of Figures 13, 14 and 16

The species of Figure 15

The species of Figure 17

The species of Figures 18 and 19

The species of Figure 20a

The species of Figures 20b and 20c

The action requires under 35 U.S.C. 121 an election of a single disclosed species to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. Currently, Claims 1, 2, 6, 8-12, 16, 40 and 41 are generic.

In response to the election/restriction requirement, Applicant provisionally elects the species of Figure 4-12. Claims 1-4, 6, 8-13, 16, 23-28 and 40-44 are believed readable on the elected species and invention. Claims 5, 7, 14-15, 17-22, and 36-39

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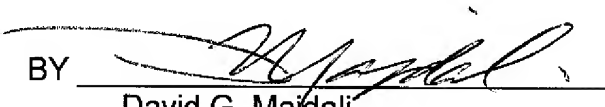
have been withdrawn. If, based on this Amendment and remarks, the Examiner believes a different election/restriction requirement is required and/or selection of claims, Applicant reserves the right to change/traverse the election of species and claims directed thereto.

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this Application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of the Application and allowance of Claims 1-28 and 36-44 are respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney might expedite prosecution of the Application, the Examiner is invited to call at the telephone number indicated below.

Sincerely

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